

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 679 - HB 1091

February 23, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission (Commission), for the purpose of planning, encouraging, developing, and coordinating the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, and to recognize Tennessee's role in that event.

The Commission shall consist of 13 ex officio members. Meetings of the Commission shall be held throughout the state at times and locations to be determined by the chair, whom shall be elected via majority vote of the members. The first meeting is to be called by the Commissioner of the Department of Tourist Development. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their work regarding the Commission but may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred while attending meetings. Authorizes the chair of the Commission to appoint an executive director and other personnel necessary for the Commission to perform its powers and duties, subject to approval by majority vote of the Commission membership. Stipulates that no person appointed shall be eligible to participate in the state retirement system solely on the basis of such appointment to or employment with the Commission.

Specifies the requirements for the Commission, including but not limited to, coordination with federal, state, and local agencies on infrastructural improvements and projects to welcome regional, national, and international tourists, and the submission of a comprehensive report, no later than one year after the effective date of this act, to the Governor, Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which shall be made available to the public on the Commission's website. Authorizes the Commission to designate special committees with representatives from federal, state, local and private groups.

The Commission shall be administratively attached to the Department of Tourist Development (DTD). Requires all agencies of state governments to provide assistance to the Commission upon request by the Commission. Authorizes the Commission to accept, use, and dispose of gifts and donations of money, property, or personal services. Information relating to the gifts must be enumerated and submitted to the Tennessee Ethics Commission (TEC) each quarter and must be made available on the TEC website.

Authorizes the Commission to: procure supplies, services, and property; enter into contracts; expend, in furtherance of this act, funds donated or received in pursuance of contracts entered into under this act; take action as necessary to enable the Commission to effectuate the purposes of this act. Property acquired by the Commission that remains after the termination of the Commission may be designated by an act of the General Assembly for donation to local municipalities or state agencies.

This act shall be repealed and the Commission will cease to exist on December 31, 2027. For purposes of appointing members of the Commission, this act shall take effect upon becoming law. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$29,900/Each FY19-20 through FY25-26

Assumptions:

- The Department of Tourist Development did not provide information upon request with regards to this legislation.
- Meetings must be held throughout the state; however, the frequency of such meetings is unknown, and is subject to the call of the Commission chair.
- For purposes of this fiscal analysis, it is assumed that there will be four meetings per year, two of which will take place in Middle Tennessee, with one each in West Tennessee and East Tennessee.
- Commission members are prohibited from receiving compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred as part of their work with the Commission.
- It is assumed that on average, members of the Commission will travel approximately 800 miles annually.
- A mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.47 per mile.
- This act will be repealed and the Commission will cease to exist on December 31, 2027.
- It is assumed that these meetings will take place each year through June 30, 2026, or FY25-26.
- An increase in state expenditures of \$4,888 (13 members x 800 miles x \$0.47 per mile) each FY19-20 through FY25-26.
- This legislation is assumed to result in additional state expenditures for procuring supplies, entering into other contracts, purchasing and selling of land, and hiring employees. While these costs are unknown, it is reasonably estimated they will average at least \$25,000 each year FY19-20 through FY25-26.
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$29,888 (\$4,888 + \$25,000) each FY19-20 through FY25-26.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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